

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MONROV 01886 181350Z

ACTION DLOS-06

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-07 AGRE-00 AID-05

CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 EB-08 EPA-01 ERDA-05 FMC-01 TRSE-00 H-01

INR-07 INT-05 IO-13 JUSE-00 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

NSF-01 OES-06 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-04 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 SAL-01 /117 W

-----190338Z 108838 /66

R 181257Z MAR 77

FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4030

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 1886

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, EFIS, LI

SUBJECT: LOS: LIBERIAN EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA TO 200 MILES

REF: (A) 76 MONROVIA 9105, (B) STATE 3736, (C) MONROVIA 0190,
(D) MONROVIA 0251, (E) STATE 53235

1. THE EMBASSY HAS SENT A NOTE DATED MARCH 14, 1977, TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY POINTING OUT THAT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED DECEMBER 24, 1976, EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF LIBERIA TO 200 MILES (SUBSEQUENTLY ENACTED INTO LAW BY THE LIBERIAN LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 16), IS IN CONTRAST TO THE BROAD AGREEMENT REACHED AT LOS CONFERENCES ON A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND A 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY WILL BE CONTACTING THE SEVERAL OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, JUSTICE, LANDS AND MINES, AND AGRICULTURE TO MAKE ESSENTIALLY THE POINTS RAISED IN REF. (E).

2. AS REPORTED (REFS. C AND D), THIS GOL ACTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN PRECIPITATELY IN REACTION TO SEIZURE IN DECEMBER OF LIBERIAN FISHING VESSELS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT GOL LEADERS ARE AWARE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MONROV 01886 181350Z

OF THEIR ISOLATED POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE WORKING OUT MEANS TO "REINTERPRET" THE EXECUTIVE ORDER (NOW LAW) IN ORDER TO ALIGN THE GOL WITH PREVAILING INTERNATIONAL VIEWS ON EXTENT OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONES. WE SHALL BE WORKING ACTIVELY TO HASTEN AND GUIDE THIS "REINTERPRETATION."
CARTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TERRITORIAL WATERS, TWO HUNDRED MILE LIMIT, FISHING DISPUTES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MONROV01886
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770094-0404
Format: TEL
From: MONROVIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770346/aaaabnle.tel
Line Count: 62
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cd06eeb5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION DLOS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 MONROVIA 9105, 77 STATE 3736, 77 MONROVIA 190, 77 MONROVIA 251, 77 STATE 53235
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3067530
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LOS: LIBERIAN EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA TO 200 MILES
TAGS: PLOS, EFIS, LI
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cd06eeb5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009